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Hickam Airmen lend wings, heart to 'Southern Partner'

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

Working with Airmen from Southern Command, members of the 535th Airlift Squadron put a Hickam C-17 Globemaster III to good use late last month during Operation Southern Partner, an annual 12th Air Force humanitarian mission to four Latin American nations.

For Lt. Col. Casey Eaton, 535th Airlift Squadron commander, it was a matter of being in the right place at the right time with the right stuff.

"We were tasked through the [Air Mobility Division] channel in mid-October for the mission and were able to task one of our birds and an aircrew to help out," said Colonel Eaton. "Trust me,

when I told my people about the mission, nobody had any complaints."

The colonel said that nine Hickam pilots, loadmasters and other aircrew — in support of 12 AF personnel from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. — participated in the two-week mission, which ended on Nov. 7.

He added that the 535th supported the mission during which Southern Command Airmen representing 25 career fields exchanged information and ideas with their counterparts in the air forces of Chile, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay as they strengthened airman-to-airman relationships in the MAJCOM's area of focus.

For the 535th Airmen, one **See SOUTHERN, A4**



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roy Santana

Chilean and U.S. Airmen jump from the back of a C-17 during Operation Southern Partner. OSP is an in-depth, two-week subject matter exchange emphasizing partnership, cooperation and sharing of information with partner nation air forces in Latin America.

News Notes

Monthly Recognition Ceremony — Please be at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club on Tuesday at 3 p.m. to celebrate the time-honored tradition of recognizing Team Hickam's award winners, including airmen, NCO and SNCO promotees.

Influenza vaccinations — The influenza vaccine is mandatory for all active duty members. Clinic team members will be doing a 100-percent record review to update the Air Force Complete Immunizations Tracking Record Application (AFCI-TA). The clinic will also be giving out other immunizations to update Air Force members on any past due immunizations. For more information on unit vaccinations or to be vaccinated, contact Tech. Sgt. Walker or Staff Sgt. Frazier at 448-6275/76.

Savings and investing briefing — Learn about saving and investing at a briefing, today from noon to 2 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. If you've never taken the investing plunge or are just looking to broaden your knowledge base, now's the time. All DoD ID card holders are welcome. For more information or to register, call 449-0300.

Fisher Houses needs Thanksgiving dinner donations — Accepting donations for meal items for Fisher Houses Thanksgiving Dinner. Deliver to BX parking lot at 12:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. For more information or a list of items needed, contact Jennifer Lambert at jalambert@hawaii.rr.com.

Enlisted Club closure notice — The Enlisted Club will be closed for lunch in

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Tuesday demo a crash course in dangers of underage drinking

By Marisela Doyle
DOD Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program coordinator

On Tuesday, Moanalua High School officials are scheduled to stage a mock car crash to create real-world awareness of the potential consequences of underage drinking. The simulation, which school officials say will be seen by more than 500 students, will be held in the school's parking lot from 9 to 11 a.m.

Staff Sergeant Abel Nunez, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, who



Photo courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

A car crash simulation set for Tuesday at Moanalua High School is designed to help young drivers appreciate the dangers of underage drinking.

will be in charge of preparing students' simulated injuries at the event, said the simulation will be a vital lesson about the responsibility that comes with driver's license.

"Almost all teenagers at one point or another greatly underestimate the amount of responsibility that goes into having a license and operating a motor vehicle," he said. "Too often, teens who drive and engage in underage drinking ignore this responsibility and fail to appreciate the consequences. They don't realize what a threat they can be on

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Wounded deserve our best, says JCS chairman

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Navy Adm. Mike Mullen didn't like the way wounded Vietnam veterans were treated when he first entered the service in 1968, and he is working to ensure that America's wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan get the care and help they need and deserve.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said during a Pentagon Channel podcast interview early this month that as one of the leaders of the U.S. military, he is passionate about "seeing to the needs of those who are wounded — who have sacrificed so much, whose lives have been changed so dramatically."

Mr. Mullen said he also wants to help the families of the fallen, that he wants "to make sure we are doing everything we can in the positions of leadership to make sure people understand what those families have sacrificed, and that we reach out to them in every way possible and meet their needs for the rest of their lives."

The chairman spoke about meeting a homeless Operation Enduring Freedom veteran at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Los Angeles recently. "He said to me 'I gave 100 percent; I'd really like 100 percent in return,'" said Mr. Mullen.

Medical care for wounded servicemembers has improved tremendously, Mr.

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Monday's HCH town hall meeting to address move-over process

By Jeff Nicolay
Hickam Kukini editor

Hickam Community Housing officials are encouraging residents of the company's Earhart Village Phase 1-4 to attend Monday's town hall meeting at the HCH Community Center on Kuntz Avenue.

"We want to be upfront with what's going on," said David Tripp, HCH director of property management. "We want to make sure everyone is up to speed on the upcoming 'move-over' process set to run from February through Jun 2009."

As with the first three move-overs, Mr. Tripp said HCH officials will be on hand to help "smooth out the bumps in the road," as residents move from older residences into the company's newly built homes.

"We'll talk about the do's and don'ts in making the



Photo courtesy of Hickam Community Housing

Hickam Community Housing's Jenny Reyna (right) helps two HCH residents get their paperwork in order during a recent town meeting. All residents of Earhart Village Phase 1-4 are encouraged to attend the next town meeting set for Monday evening, 6 p.m., at the HCH Community Center on Kuntz Avenue.

move," he said. "For instance, normally residents would be required to primer the interior walls of the home if they'd done any painting. But because these homes are all going to be demolished, there's no point."

Ann Wharton, HCH director of communications, added that like the previous three move-

overs, this will be a paid move — with a twist many military families haven't experienced.

"What makes this move unique is residents won't have to go through the [Transportation Management Office] for reimbursement — regardless of whether they move themselves or hire a contractor," she said.

"This will be an HCH-paid move — HCH will pay the freight to move families from one home to another."

In addition, she noted, HCH would handle the transfer of telephone and cable at no charge. However, residents will be responsible for clearing out their household goods.

"If you brought into the house has to come out," said Ms. Wharton. "Residents who leave trash or unwanted household items behind will be charged a clean-up fee."

Mr. Tripp pointed out that these and other issues will be addressed at the meeting — which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. — and added that the meeting would include a question-and-answer session if residents still had concerns.

"We want to make this last move-over as seamless as possible," he said. "By the time we wrap thing up Monday night, I'm hoping everyone's questions will be answered."

ACTION LINE

Kudos to Hickam Dental Clinic

Comment: I am stationed at Camp Smith at the PACOM HQ. I have had very positive experiences at the Dental Clinic and wanted to provide the 15th Medical Group with a copy the comments I submitted to the Department of Defense Patient Satisfaction Survey following two recent appointments.

Additionally, I think the Hawaiian print scrubs the staff gets to wear is a great idea. My comments to the survey: professionalism and morale at the Hickam Dental Clinic appear very high.

Both the civilian and military staff are knowledgeable. The junior enlisted dental technicians appear interested in their work and enthusiastic about their assignments. On several occasions I have witnessed experienced NCOs giving instruction/correction to junior personnel, usually intervening during interview and check-in, making the experience practical and timely, and it was done in a helpful and encouraging manner.

The facilities seem to be in excellent condition and the waiting areas present an orderly yet inviting environment.

Response: Thank you for taking the time to recognize the efforts of members of the Hickam Dental Clinic and also for submitting your comments to the DoD Patient Satisfaction Survey praising their performance.

I echo your comments. They are a superb group of professionals providing outstanding service to the Hickam Community and don't often receive the recognition they deserve.

This is another great example of "Team Hickam" members continually demonstrating their professionalism and aloha spirit. Thanks again for recognizing their efforts.

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Embrace the 3 C's of leadership

By Col. Roosevelt Allen
376th Expeditionary Medical Group commander

As a senior leader, I have often been asked, "What traits have you found important related to successful leadership?"

I am by no means an expert on the subject of leadership; however, I can speak of some traits and important characteristics of those traits I have found helpful in my career. There are also numerous books, magazines and computer programs available to enhance leadership skills. In recent years, various organizations, universities and consultant firms have developed courses to foster and master techniques that are considered essential to effective leadership. All these techniques focus on many of the same elements recognized as critical components for success. I'd like to share with you three competencies essential to leadership -- conceptual capacity, interpersonal skills (especially communication), and character.

I believe the most important core competency for leaders is conceptual capacity -- the mental model that contributes to our thinking processes. There are a number of recognized methods of thinking, including both reflective and systemic critical thinking, creative thinking, risk taking and intuition.

Our experiences significantly contribute to the various methods we use. Our knowledge, opportunities, successes and failures all determine how we interpret information, and most importantly, how we make decisions. The more comprehensive the leader's mental model, the more effective the leader will be in processing information and reaching a decision. In other words, learn as much as you can about your job, your people and your people's jobs.

Leaders must be honest, especially in reference to their perceptions and biases. Previous failures, opinions and preconceived notions must be recognized, processed and recalled if leaders want to

prevent poor decision-making. Awareness of the past and present allows a leader to develop a vision for the future -- a vision that will excite and convert followers. Leaders need to ensure they get the vision right. Failure to do so will lead to complications when fostering buy-in from the most important asset they have -- their people.

Interpersonal skills, also referred to as social and personal competencies, are paramount to effective leadership and help promote a harmonious work environment. This skill set is an area where much of the literature on leadership is heavily focused.

The importance of emotional intelligence is also illustrated by the number of workshops and seminars constantly offered and attended by businesspeople and military leaders. Improving one's ability to interact in conflict management, negotiations, communications, consensus building and persuasion are but a few traits targeted in these seminars. The military environment provides the opportunity for individuals to excel in many of these traits.

As leaders increase their responsibilities, the numbers of individuals they supervise and with whom they interact tend to increase as well. Increased supervision leads to a greater potential for conflict and conflict management. Managing conflict, though a challenging task, leads to growth. One learns from these experiences and improves the thinking process. An increased number of encounters lead to greater conflict-managing data being stored.

The best approach to managing conflict is via consensus building or collaborative problem solving. This process allows equality for all participants, validates each person's view, and creates an atmosphere of trust without competition. The result is a win-win situation for everyone.

If conflicts cannot be resolved because of differences in opinion, negotiation becomes the next step in the process. Productive negotiations, like conflict management, are enhanced by trust, sensitivity,

and communication.

The ultimate objective of a negotiation is persuasion. It is an art to persuade or convince others to change their behavior, accept new roles, and reorient their perspectives. Once negotiation is complete, one must be wary of the naysayers and inertia creators because they may create drag by saying it cannot be done.

The fundamental skill needed for interpersonal competencies is communication. Whether one is attempting to manage a conflict, negotiate, inspire, stimulate thought processes or empower, communication skills are the benchmark for success. Leaders must remember that what they say is only part of communication; what they hear and how they listen are even more essential.

Finally, successful leaders must have character. Many components contribute to a leader's character and integrity. The idea of "doing what is right, even when no one is watching" is key.

Many leaders believe there are two sets of rules by which to play -- those rules specifically for them and the ordinary rules for everyone else. Great leaders are fully aware of how their actions are perceived by subordinates, peers and superiors.

True leaders know how to use power, but they also know when power is being abused. Leaders must be respectful, responsible, fair and trustworthy, because the ability to motivate individuals successfully toward a vision is influenced by all these traits. The importance of being a "politician" cannot be underestimated in leadership. Sadly, the term has negative connotations, but the process of networking and actively identifying and creating honest relationships for mutual benefit are crucial to successful organizations.

Leadership styles varies from place to place and from person to person, but if you employ what I call the three C's -- conceptual capacity, communication and character -- as you lead, you will apply traits that many individuals have found essential to their success.

Diamond Tips

Men's hair -- Men's hair must appear tapered with or without headgear (block cut permitted if tapered); not worn in an extreme or fad style; not exceed length or bulk standards nor violate safety requirements; not touch the ears (only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck may touch the collar).

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant



Learn from yesterday's 'Smokeout'

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- Officials in the Department of Defense and Tricare encouraged military service members and their families to take part in yesterday's annual Great American Smokeout.

Officials saw participation in the Smokeout as an important component of the DOD-sponsored educational campaign, Quit Tobacco -- Make Everyone Proud. Its mission is to assist active-duty service members in their efforts to quit tobacco, for themselves and for the people who look up to them and care about them.

"The uniform is a symbol of strength and pride, and that's what it takes to give up tobacco," said Capt. David Arday, MD, MPH, a U.S. Public Health Service officer, who is chairman of DOD's Alcohol and Tobacco Advisory Committee. "We urge military men and women to take up the challenge of the Smokeout ... to

become tobacco free and begin a healthier lifestyle. There are resources available to help you."

Despite decades of work focused on reducing the use of tobacco by military populations, it remains firmly entrenched, especially in the youngest segment of the military population, with new smokers and smokeless tobacco users starting every day.

In 2005, the prevalence of smoking among 18 to 25 year olds on active duty was significantly higher than among their civilian counterparts -- 42.4 percent vs. 37.6 percent of men, 29.2 percent vs. 25.8 percent of women. Nearly 23 percent of those men started smoking after joining the military. The use of smokeless or "spit tobacco" is also relatively high among military men in this age group, at roughly 25 percent.

During November, military personnel, their families and others who support

them are invited to visit the campaign Web site. This interactive information and support tool is specifically aimed at enlisted active-duty personnel who want to become tobacco free. Here they can access live instant-message help from a trained cessation coach, privately and anonymously.

Users also can customize and download a quit plan; find research-based information; learn strategies for coping with triggers; play games with embedded tips and motivational messages; discuss issues on the message board; listen to podcasts; and locate local cessation programs.

Those who want to help their military friends and colleagues give up tobacco can send an e-card, become more informed about the challenges tobacco users face as they try to stop smoking and chewing, and download information to share.

Courtesy of Tricare News Service

Got Good News?

Why not share it? Email your story idea or press release for Hickam Kukini to:

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil



Deadline for article submission is end of day Monday for Friday's issue. Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

New Team Hickam chiefs stand out



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Brown

Ten Team Hickam senior master sergeants were all smiles last week when they got the news of their promotion to the ranks of the top 1 percent of all enlisted Air Force personnel. The new chief master sergeants were officially introduced at a release ceremony held last Friday afternoon at the Enlisted Club. Hickam's newest chiefs are as follows: (pictured, from left) Bruce F. Richey, 15th Airlift Wing; Michael G. Clayton, Pacific Air Forces; Lisa M. Camp, 15th Communications Squadron; Christopher Lopez, 613th Air and Space Operations Center; James A. Laurent, 13th Air Force; and Michael L. Morris, 561 Network Operations Squadron; (not pictured) Jeffrey E. Moore, Pacific Air Forces; Shannon R. Owens, 13th Air Force; Sengphet Phosarath, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command; and Michael W. Prah, Pacific Air Forces

Air Force EOD embeds with Army units

Part three of a three-part series:
This week — Purple Heart

By Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston
506th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq — Doing it just because it sounds exciting has a long-standing reputation as a major reason why some people lie in hospitals recovering from injuries sustained while having “fun.”

“It sounded like it would be exciting” is exactly how Senior Airman Aaron Skelton, 506th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight operator, described the reasoning behind his decision to join the ranks of the EOD community more than five years ago.

According to Airman Skelton, he was not at the top of his class in high school, and at the age of 20, for an undisclosed reason he decided to join the Air Force — an \$11,000 bonus sealed his

career choice in EOD.

“Looking back, training was long, and at the time it seemed stressful, but it was a lot more fun than the real job,” said the airman, who is deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

At age 26, while on his second deployment to Iraq, Airman Skelton experienced just how exciting his chosen profession can get.

During a two-month forward deployment to FOB McHenry, where he and two other EOD Airmen were embedded with the Army’s 10th Mountain Division performing route-clearing duties, Airman Skelton’s life took a sudden turn.

During what he calls his “toughest” rollout with the quick-reaction force for post-blast investigation, the Airman realized how important it is to complete required training

before deploying.

“We had been on the site of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device explosion about five minutes or so — seemed like forever,” Airman Skelton said. “We were trying to get the hood up on a car to get the VIN number.

“We couldn’t do it. So, we’re standing there trying to figure out how to get the hood open and I hear this loud crack,” he continued. “I felt my side and my arm get hit with something.”

At that moment his wingman realized something had happened and she responded reflexively.

“We were standing probably two inches apart. I grabbed him and ran,” said Staff Sgt. Angela Olguin, 506th Air Expeditionary Group/EOD flight operator.

“I thought we were just taking cover behind the truck,” Airman Skelton said. “I didn’t really understand that I got hit

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Walston

Senior Airman Aaron Skelton, 506th Air Expeditionary Group Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight journeyman, mans an M240 machine gun in the turret of a Joint EOD Rapid Response Vehicle (JERRV) Sept. 14. Airman Skelton is one of six 506th EOD Airmen forward deployed to FOB McHenry where they are embedded with soldiers of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division for route-clearing duties. He is deployed from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and calls Citrus Springs, Fla., home.

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highlight of the mission was an October 31 visit to the ALDEA INFANTIL SOS orphanage in Quilpue, Chile, during which more than 20 Airmen, one National Guard Soldier and an Inter American Air Forces Academy graduate from the Chilean Air Force enjoyed an afternoon of fun and recreation with 144 children.

ALDEAS SOS is an international child welfare organization devoted to the long-term care of children who are orphaned, abandoned or can no longer live with their biological family.

Capt. Rebecca Russo, 535AS Weapons and Tactics chief, said she and the other Airmen kicked off the visit by greeting the children with gifts.

"We started by passing out blue footballs with the Air Force logo to the kids, along with key chains, posters, T-shirts, pins and books," she said. "From there, we all broke into groups, playing catch, playing tag ... just enjoying a day with the children."

Another highlight of the visit was food — food with a distinctly American flavor, according to 535th C-17 pilot Capt. Alfred Basioa.

"We baked Rice Krispies Treats for the kids," he said. "We brought the ingredients and the orphanage set us up with pots and pans and use of their kitchen. And I guess we did a pretty good job baking them ... the children kept coming back for seconds and thirds and ate every single piece!"

The ensuing sugar rush prompted a challenge from the children, added the captain.

"They challenged us to a game of soccer on a concrete field out back [behind the kitchen compound]," he said, adding with a chuckle, "To be honest, it may not have been our finest hour. No one kept score, but I think the general consensus was that the children basically ran circles around us."

Looking back on the day at the orphanage — and the mission in general, both captains expressed enthusiasm for being



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roy Santana

Capt. Becky Russo (right), 535th Airlift Squadron Weapons and Tactics chief, and a new friend show off their patches during a 12th Air Force-led visit to a Chilean orphanage as part of Operation Southern Partner.

able to participate and looked forward to volunteering next year should the opportunity arise. For Captain Russo, the experience was thought provoking, as well.

"Being involved in a mission like this, you realize how many things you take for granted — loving parents,

toys, sports equipment, new clothes and other things most of us had when we were growing up," she said. "I'm hopeful we can return to this center in the future. The kids made a big impression on all of us and I hope we made the same kind of impression on them, too."

Base suspends some use of flash memory devices

By Hickam Kukini staff

In an effort to improve network security, the use of flash memory devices (i.e., thumb drives, memory sticks and camera flash memory cards) on all DOD computers is suspended until further notice, per Col. Charles "Rusty" Baumgardner, 15th Mission Support Group commander.

The colonel noted that this suspension includes any potential use of flash memory to transfer data between networks of different classification (e.g., NIPRNET and SIPRNET).

"We will issue additional guidance as provided from HHQ. In the interim, we

are working with PACOM, PACAF and 13th Air Force to determine a near-term way ahead to best support mission critical processes that currently leverage use of flash memory devices," he said. "If you have a mission-critical process that relies on the use of flash memory devices, please have your subject-matter expert contact the [15th Communications Squadron] Wing Information Assurance (IA) Office at 449-0731/0734, so the IA team can begin collecting basic info on the requirement."

For more information this now policy, call Lt. Col. Doug "Badger" Mellars, 15 CS/CC, at 449-1957.

Postal service sets holiday mailing guidelines

By **Samantha L. Quigley**
American Forces
Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — As the holidays approach and people start thinking about what they are going to send loved ones and friends serving overseas, there are a few dates to keep in mind.

“The earliest deadline is for troops who are serving in the Iraq [and] Afghanistan area,” Al DeSarro said, spokesman for the western region of the U.S. Postal Service. “You want to send all your holiday mail and packages [to those areas] by Dec. 4.”

Holiday mail, including packages and cards, going to military bases in other parts of the world should be shipped by Dec. 11, he said.

“We do encourage people to closely follow these deadlines,” Mr. DeSarro said. “Of course, we make every attempt, even if you miss the deadline, to deliver the mail to our troops.”

People who cannot beat those dates have another option to get holiday goodies to their destinations in time: Express Mail. But it will cost a bit more and it is not available for military members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Priority mail flat-rate boxes

are the best value when shipping to military members serving at home or anywhere overseas, Mr. DeSarro said. The largest flat-rate box costs \$10.95 to ship to an APO or FPO address. That is a \$2 discount, and the boxes are free.

The flat-rate boxes come with another bonus. If it will fit in the box, and weighs 70 pounds or less, it ships at the established rate.

“We also offer a special military package kit, ... and this applies even if you want to send to our troops here in the U.S.,” Mr. DeSarro said. “If you call 1-800-610-8734, they’ll send you a free kit of pack-

aging materials -- priority mail boxes, tape, labels and stuff that can make your holiday packing much easier.”

When shipping any holiday package, there are some basic guidelines to take into consideration, he added. If a USPS-provided box is not being used, senders should make sure the box they’re using is sturdy. Don’t use wrapping paper or string on the outside, and print both the shipping and return addresses clearly. Contents should be packaged securely and in leak-proof containers, and consider the customs of the country to ensure the items are appropriate and acceptable.

USPS officials also suggests including the mailing address, return address and the contents of the box on a slip of paper with the other contents, just in case something out of the ordinary should happen.



Photo by Senior Airman Veronica Pierce

The earliest deadline for getting holiday packages and mail to servicemembers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan is Dec. 4, according to U.S. Postal Service officials.

Following not only the shipping date guidelines, but also the general packing guidelines can help the USPS get packages where they are going during its busiest time of the year.

Mr. DeSarro urges people to mail as much as they want and as early as they can, adding that officials expect 20 million pounds of mail will be sent to U.S. troops this holiday season.

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observance of a family day next Friday. The club will re-open at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 448-2271.

TMF notice — The Traffic Management Flight (TMF) has received an influx of

inbound shipments that are lacking customer identification. If you are expecting inbound shipments, especially GPC End of the Year purchases, please contact TMF Inbound Cargo at 448-3863. Have your Transportation Control Number available, if known, and your shipment

invoice so we can match your items with these shipments.

Job opening announcement — Seeking motivated volunteer to fulfill 15 Airlift Wing Career Assistance

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Crime Scene

Damage to personal property

An active-duty E-6 assigned to PACAF reported damage to personal property on Paukauhi Court. The case is currently under investigation.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the child of a retired Soldier attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$19.99 without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

Shoplifting

Army Air Force Exchange Service store detectives observed the child of an active-duty Airman attempting to remove merchandise totaling \$54 without rendering payment. The individual will have his/her AAFES privileges revoked for one year and is awaiting a magistrate hearing.

DUI

A civilian was detained at Bldg. 188/Main Gate for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant. The case was forwarded to HPD.

Citation total for the week

7 Civilian traffic citations
41 Moving traffic citations
22 Non-moving traffic citations.



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Advisor position, Reporting Identifier 8A100. This is a three-year, controlled special-duty tour. Selectee must be released by their AFPC functional manager after selection/approval by the 15 MSS/CC. 1) Must be a master sergeant with one-year TIG or senior master sergeant. 2) Must not have an Assignment Selection Date and must be released by their AFPC Functional Manager. 3) Must have 24 months retainability from June 2009. 4) Must have strong public speaking/counseling skills, ASVAB General score of 45 or higher. Submit application package, including last three EPRs, official bio with photo, a recommendation letter from commander and applicant intent letter to Master Sgt. Rona Cardwell/CAA, Hangar 2, Rm. 142. by Jan. 30. For details, call CAA at 620-0671 or 448-0920, ext 237.

Hickam AFB Honor Guard two-week initial training course notice

The Hickam AFB Honor Guard is looking for highly motivated Airmen that are able to dedicate one full wk/month for at least one year. Candidates must have passed most recent Physical Fitness Test. For more information, call the Honor Guard Staff at 448-0955, 449-6453, ext. 3, or 449-3507.

UH Career Fair needs volunteers

The 2008 Air Force ROTC Det. 175 University of Hawai'i Career Fair needs volunteers — second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel — from any career field for the Dec. 2 event being held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at UH's Stan Sheriff Center. For more information or to volunteer, send e-mail to james.thompson@hickam.af.mil.

Volunteers needed

The Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC) is looking for volunteers to serve as family escorts and interpreters during the Noncombatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) exercise during the week of Dec. 8. If you are interested in volunteering, please attend training on Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. in the AFRC (Bldg. 1105). For more information, call 449-0300.

CRASH, From A1

Hawaii's roads."

Citing figures from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the sergeant pointed out that teen drivers are responsible for 12 percent of all road-related deaths, while comprising less

than 10 percent of the general population.

"Clearly, there are plenty of laws on the books to prevent teenagers from possessing and consuming alcohol, or driving under the influence," he said. "But the reality is, teen drink-

ing and driving still occur and the school is presenting this simulation to create real-life awareness to students who are — or soon will be — behind the wheel. So we're all hoping this simulation will get the message across.

"Let's face it, it's better for them to see this as a demonstration than to be involved in the real thing in the real world."

For more information, call 218-8492 or send an e-mail to marisela.doyle@us.army.mil.

WOUNDED, From A1

Mullen said. Those who reach a field hospital within the first hour after being wounded — the so-called "Golden Hour" — have a 92-percent chance of survival. Medical professionals undoubtedly are saving the lives of many who would have died in previous wars, the chairman said.

"More than anything else, it's remarkable medical person-

nel who have adapted and moved to the leading edge of medical care," he said. "I can't say enough for them."

The whole process is characterized by speed, with those wounded in the combat theater quickly transferred to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and then further transported to wherever they need to go in the

United States.

But while much has been done, Mr. Mullen said, much more remains to be done, and this is especially true for long-term treatment and care, as the servicemembers and their families still want to live life and contribute to America.

"What we find out in my interaction with them and my wife's interaction with them is

their dreams haven't changed," he added.

The servicemembers still want to "own a piece of the rock," the chairman added. They still want to go to school, own a home, have good jobs and leave their children better off than they are. Realizing those dreams may be changed by the injuries, but the dreams remain, he said.

EOD, From A3

with something."

Sergeant Olguin realized her team member didn't know he was just shot, when he asked for water which is something out of the ordinary for him.

"I made him crawl to the back. I asked him if he was ok," she continued. "He said 'check my side, check my side, I think I got hit in the plate.' That's when I pulled his plate out and it just crumbled. I was like ooooooh. So, I put it back

and said yeah you got hit but you're OK."

The Airman said he wasn't as concerned about his arm as he was with his side.

"I was concerned about something inside," he said. "She pulled the plate out and didn't want to show it to me, because she didn't want me to go into shock. Then she just tucked it back in there."

The Sergeant's combat life saver skills kicked in when she got a hand full of blood upon

grabbing his arm.

"I bandaged it up to stop the bleeding and gave him an IV," said Olguin. "I'm glad I did because he was starting to go into shock."

On that day, both training and up-to-date equipment saved Airman Skelton's life.

Although Airman Skelton wanted to go back to work immediately, he was assigned to a desk job for a couple of weeks to properly heal, and then he was back on the

team.

Airman Skelton was awarded the Purple Heart in a ceremony by Brig. Gen. Brian Bishop, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, here July 23.

"I think about how lucky I was," said Airman Skelton. "There are a lot of (joint service EOD operators) who are awarded the Purple Heart (posthumously). It could have been worse...it just makes me think about it."

Air Force's 'Hog' drops in on history

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) — The A-10 Thunderbolt II, nicknamed the Warhog and known for its close-air support superiority and the ability to carry large and varied ordnance, is now on its way to delivering a new capability to the warfighter.

A pilot from the 40th Flight Test Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., with support from people with the 46th Test Wing, Boeing and a host of other units, flew a quick yet historic mission early in November. For the first time, a guided bomb unit-54, the Laser Joint Direct Attack Munition, or LJDAM, was dropped from an A-10C.

Capt. Kirt Cassell, the lead A-10C flight test engineer, and team members from the 40th FTS began planning this test mission in early October. That's a short timeline for a test mission, according to Captain

Cassell. Plus, the team was challenged with ensuring the LJDAM worked correctly. To do this, the plan was to drop the bomb on a GPS target and then lase the weapon to another target downrange.

"The test was very successful!" Captain Cassell said. "The weapon functioned properly and released successfully, impacting the target almost exactly where the laser spot was located."

Airmen support multinational exercise

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) — A multitude of international aircraft and Airmen are in Southwest Asia through the end of the month to participate in an exercise geared toward honing aerial operations while improving relations and interoperability.

Officials from the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing here balanced real-world operations while supporting the multina-

tional exercise.

"Participating in this exercise enhances our effectiveness downrange. When the opportunity arises for us to improve our own skills and develop our ability to integrate in combined operations, we take advantage of that training," said Brig. Gen. H. D. Polumbo Jr., the 380th AEW commander.

Airmen of the 380th AEW provided air battle management via its E-3B Sentry air warning and control system, as well as air-to-air refueling from its KC-10 Extenders for fighter jets from the U.S., France, England, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

One objective for the exercise included seeking and identifying a simulated enemy frigate escorting a ship carrying military supplies to a notional adversary. The E-3 crew, from the 965th Expeditionary Airborne Air Control Squadron

here, managed the airspace and tracked the movement of both friendly and hostile aircraft in the area.

Once the frigate was found and identified, fighter jets were called in to simulate a show of force. Identifying friendlies and hostiles is a life-and-death profession the E-3 crew is fully qualified to handle.

"We can determine whether an aircraft is friend or foe in less than 30 seconds," said Capt. Omar Hamilton, a 965th EACCS electronic warfare officer.

The scenarios, though simulated, warrant a serious undertone. The participants could face similar real-world situations at any time.

The air battle managers watched aircraft movement and monitored communications while the 908th Expeditionary Refueling Squadron's KC-10 crew refueled four fighters before they joined "the fight."

Multinational muscle gets exercise



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher A. Campbell

Capt. Rick Jones looks to Staff Sgt. Mike Membrilla for directions to safely maneuver his F-15 Eagle onto the runway Nov. 13 at an air base in Southwest Asia. Captain Jones and Sergeant Membrilla are members of the 58th Fighter Squadron from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. They are deployed the region in support of a multinational exercise.